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<i>In re Application of</i>)	Group Art Unit: 3651
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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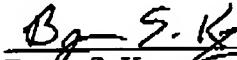
In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 2, 2004, the Applicants elect Species III, which relates to at least Figures 1 and 8, and submit that each of claims 1, 4, 6, 7, and 9 read on the elected species. This election is made without traverse.

As indicated by the Examiner, claim 1 is generic. The Applicants respectfully request, therefore, that claims associated with non-elected species be considered should claim 1 be allowed in a generic form. In addition, the Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application regarding the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

This Response To Restriction Requirement is being timely filed by virtue of its facsimile transmission on December 1, 2004. Should additional fees or an extension of time be deemed necessary for consideration of this Response To Restriction Requirement, such fees or extension

are hereby requested and the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account number 19-0733 for the payment of the requisite fee. The Applicants respectfully await an examination on the merits.

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